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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Listed for consideration on the attached PTO/SB/08 are one foreign reference and one U.S. patent publication, which were cited in the Supplementary European Search Report issued on February 17, 2009. A copy of the foreign reference is enclosed as well as a copy of the European office action and Search Report listing the cited references. Consideration of the listed documents is respectfully requested. One reference cited in the Search Report (JP08135674) is not being filed herewith as it has been previously filed.

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in connection with a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, under Order No. AI 429NP.

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